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WEATHER—CLOUDY AND WARMER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1916.

ONE CENT.

20 LEAP WALL OF FLAMES AT BUREAU FIRE

All Lives Are Saved in Blaze
Which Wrecks Engraving
Laundry Plant.

LOSS PUT AT \$20,000

Firemen's Quick Work Saves
Stables and Controls Con-
flagration in Half Hour.

WILL NOT TIE UP OPERATIONS

Director Ralph Expects to Replace
Wrecked Machinery Today and
Resume Work Tomorrow.

Fire, originating from a spark flashed by a grounded electric motor about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, gutted the laundry, drying room and boiler room of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

A score of the seventy laborers employed in the plant were trapped by the flames in the boiler room and only escaped death by a dash through a wall of fire.

Other than slight burns about the hands and face suffered by these workmen and the firemen in fighting the blaze, there were no casualties.

Director Ralph placed the damage at from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The grounded motor was near one of the revolving drying boxes, the outside of which was as tinder from the intense heat of a steady flow of steam on the inside. A slight explosion followed the grounding of the motor and, according to the workmen, every box and piece of wood in the room burst into flame simultaneously. From the drying room the flames spread rapidly to the boiler room and to the laundry.

Workmen Dash Through Flames.

The flames gave the workmen no chance to even approach the numerous fire extinguishers or two chemical wagons in the building, and a rush was made for the doors. About twenty firemen and laborers were trapped in the boiler room by a wall of fire between them and the doors. Wire netting prevented escape through the windows. Some with coats wrapped about their faces and others with only their arms protecting their eyes dashed through the flames to safety.

There is no alarm box in the laundry and it was not until the whole building was wrapped in a blaze that a workman in the new building sent in the alarm. Fire Chief Wagner, upon arrival, sent in a second alarm.

Director Ralph, who was in the new building, was one of the first to notice the flames bursting through the windows, which drove clouds of smoke through the open windows of the money-making department and almost created a panic among the men and women workmen.

The director notified the employees that there was no danger of the fire spreading to the new building and ordered them to resume work.

Quick Work Saves Stables.

Fire Chief Wagner personally directed the firefighters and by quick work, prevented the flames from spreading to the hay loft and stables, separated from the laundry only by a thin brick wall.

Eight engines, 15, 16, 4, 14, 2, 1, 3 and 6; four trucks, 3, 10, 1, 2, and 2 water tower, two fire chiefs and engineer answered the double alarm.

RUBBER SMUGGLERS FINED

Woman and Man Each Pay \$200 and Depart.

New York, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Elsie Schroeder, of Berlin, and Heinrich Bachman, a Swiss, pleaded guilty today before Judge Dayton in the Federal District Court, to conspiring to violate the customs laws by shipping rubber to Germany as passenger's baggage rather than merchandise.

On the assurance of Assistant United States Attorney Content that the defendants were merely private traders and had no connection with the German government, Judge Dayton let them off with a fine of \$200 each. They sailed this afternoon on the Norwegian liner Bergensford.

Fire Victims Shiver in Nighties.

New York, Feb. 21.—Imperiled by a fire in the top floor of the six-story factory building at Nos. 19 and 12 Jones street early today, the families living in the rear of the burning building and in adjoining tenement houses were hurried out into streets by the police and firemen. The weather was nearly zero and most of the fugitives were in their night clothing.

Quaker One of Two Executed.

Belmont, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Roland S. Pennington, a Quaker, and George March, were electrocuted shortly before 5 o'clock this morning at the Rockview State penitentiary.

B-r-r! 28 Degrees Below

Rome, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Central New York shivered this morning, the temperature ranging from 20 to 28 degrees below zero.

Germans Raise Gas Veil Over Five-Mile Front

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Feb. 21.—South of the Somme, in the Lihons sector, where the "Bloody Angle" just toward Paris, the Germans prepared for an extensive attack.

After intense artillery bombardment they discharged successive clouds of asphyxiating gas over a front five miles long. But according to the Paris official statement, the "barrier" fire of the French artillery, abetted by the musketry fire, kept the Germans in their trenches and forestalled the attack.

Other operations on land were confined largely to artillery combats. These reached the greatest intensity before Verdun, where the Germans are conducting a terrific bombardment, seemingly preparatory to an attack against the French stronghold.

LAND DEFENSE BILL FRAMED

Effort Made by House Military
Committee to "Speed Up"
Preparedness Program.

WOULD PROVIDE AN ARMY OF 147,000 MEN, 7,000 OFFICERS

Federalization of Militia Proposed.
Would Double West Point Facilities.
Garrison Plan Is Buried.

Under pressure to "speed up" preparedness legislation, the House Military Affairs Committee yesterday completed the first draft of the land defense bill. It provides:

An increase in the regular army to 147,000 men, with 7,000 officers in a skeleton organization that in time of war could be expanded to 375,000.

A reserve made up of honorably discharged regulars, and militiamen retired after three years' service, offered by militia officers and graduates of a special cadet corps evolved through military educational institutions.

The federalization of the militia, with power lodged in the President to draft it for war purposes and authority in the Secretary of War to supervise the selection of militia officers. The militia would be given Federal power.

The increase of the facilities at West Point to double its capacity, with an immediate appropriation of \$300,000 to provide accommodations for additional cadets.

The establishment of a Federal air nitrate plant, to be operated jointly with private interests with a potential capacity for turning out vast quantities of munitions under pressure in case of war.

The assignment of more than 100 army officers as military instructors in schools throughout the country where military organizations are maintained.

The committee's action yesterday was the first definite step that has been taken toward preparedness. Administration officials believe it presages a general "speeding up" of both the military and naval proposals. There was little squabbling over the details of the measure.

The continental army plan, proposed by former Secretary of War Garrison, went down to oblivion without a struggle.

LOCAL RADIO AMATEUR GETS DEFENSE MESSAGE

Radiogram Flashed Over U. S. to Be
Presented to Wilson Today by
Walter A. Parks.

In the stillness of the early morning there was flashed through the ether to all parts of the United States by amateur wireless operators a radio message of preparedness. The message originated at the Rock Island Arsenal, at Rock Island, Ill., and was relayed by amateurs to the mayors of all cities and the governors of all States.

The message was caught in Washington by Walter A. Parks, a Department of Agriculture employee and enthusiastic radio operator, who has an amateur station at his residence, 1229 Jackson street northeast. He copied the message from Northampton, Mass. It read:

"A democracy requires that people who govern themselves should be so educated and disciplined that they can protect themselves."

Parks will present the message this morning to President Wilson at the White House.

Woman Shot; Husband Sought.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 21.—While Mrs. Joseph Ferro was waiting for a train in the Lymanville station today she was shot and killed by a man who escaped. The police are looking for her husband in the belief he may know something of the motives back of the crime.

Fire Threatens Village.

St. Johnsville, N. Y., Feb. 21.—The business section of this village was threatened with destruction by fire early today. Three buildings housing a number of business places were wiped out. The loss was \$20,000.

TWO BILLIONS CREDIT VOTED BY COMMONS

Total Now Authorized for War
by England, 2,082,000,000
Pounds Sterling.

BIG LOANS TO ALLIES

Daily Estimate for Remainder
of War Is Placed at
\$25,000,000.

WARN AGAINST U. S. SHELLS

Member Declares that of Twenty-eight
Bought in This Country Only
Four Burst When Fired.

Special to The Washington Herald.

London, Feb. 21.—Credits amounting to 420,000,000 pounds or \$2,100,000,000 to carry on the war, were voted by the house of commons this evening.

This is the biggest vote of credit ever made in the history of the house of commons and brings the total amount voted for the war up to \$2,082,000,000 pounds sterling.

The credit is in two parts, the main sum being 38,000,000 pounds and the real due 120,000,000 pounds, a supplementary credit.

In the course of the general debate which preceded the vote, Sir Joseph Walton urged the prohibition of needless imports.

"Care should be taken," he said, "not to get munitions from the United States. Of twenty-eight shells fired from one Howitzer only four burst."

1,420,000,000 Pounds Spent.

Premier Asquith, in moving the vote of credit, announced that England's total expenditures for 1915-16 to date were 1,420,000,000 pounds. Munitions for the army and navy from April 1 last to February 18, have cost \$43,800,000 pounds sterling or \$1,174,000,000.

Mr. Asquith stated that loans to allies of Great Britain and to British dominions had shown a substantial increase since November, and the growth in the rate of expenditure was entirely due to loans to allies from the voted credits.

Allows for Contingencies.

The premier added that the vote of credit for the remainder of the financial year allowed an ample margin for contingencies, such as the purchase of American securities.

He gave the following figures of daily expenditures for the war during recent periods:

April 1 to July 17, \$14,000,000.
July 18 to September 11, \$17,500,000.
September 12 to November 6, \$21,740,000.
November 7 to February 19, \$22,000,000.
A daily expenditure hereof of five million pounds (\$25,000,000) would be a liberal estimate, Mr. Asquith said. The treasury still had on hand 102,000,000 pounds sterling to carry it on to March 19, he said.

"MASKED MODELS" GIVEN CASH BY LEADING LADY

Texas Guinan Starts Fund for Benefit
of Chorus Girls Stranded
in Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Feb. 21.—Reports of what's what in the embarrassed "Masked Model" company stranded in Baltimore without salaries after last week's engagement at the Academy of Music, where it came after an engagement in Washington, were flying about the theatrical district like a snow flurry today, but the reports were so wild and conflicting that nobody seems to know yet where some two-score chorus girls and half a dozen principals "are at."

Two things, however, are certain: First, several people financially interested and embarrassed by the present state of affairs this morning filed a nonresident attachment against the property of the company; second, the chorus girls "want to go home"—home, in this instance, being New York.

But the heroine of the hour, among both chorus girls and principals, is Miss Texas Guinan. Miss Guinan and her mother were staying at the Howard on West Franklin street. When the blow fell and the girls faced the prospect of a hungry Sunday and possibly—though not probably—irate "landladies," Miss Guinan pulled out a bank roll and handed over \$150 to start a fund for the stranded and "broke." With this as a nucleus it was not long before others who had some money were "chipping in," even strangers in the lobby of the Hotel Stafford overhearing the conversation, offered contributions.

Fire Didn't Waken Him.

Atchison, Feb. 21.—Shepherd Linscott, son of F. W. Linscott, a farmer near Farmington, had a narrow escape from burning to death when fire destroyed the Linscott home early one morning. Young Linscott was sleeping so soundly that the fact that his bed was on fire didn't waken him.

Love Triangle of 60 vs. 16 Revealed in Court by Prince

Russian Nobleman Says Former Amy Crocker Proposed
"Trial Marriage" of Himself and Yvonne Gouraud, Wife's
Foster Daughter—Birth of Child in Question.

By SOPHIE TREADWELL.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Feb. 21.—The famous boast of the famous Amy Crocker-Ashe-Gilling-Gouraud, now the Princess Maskinoff, has always been that she has looked life in the face. Today, in a cold, unemotional court room, life stared back at her.

It was a strange story her husband, the Prince Alexandre Maskinoff, amused, indifferent, debonair, told upon the stand. The couple are suing each other for separation. It was a story of the eternal triangle, but twisted at a slightly new angle.

In it his wife, who is 60, and her 16-year-old step-daughter, Yvonne Crocker, were the two women struggling for his love. The struggle ended, according to the prince, in a great reconciliation scene by the princess, in which she "gave" him the girl.

He said his wife sent him and her step-daughter away together to Edgemere, L. I., to test their love; to determine if it had an enduring quality.

Sent Away Together.

He said he and Yvonne went to Edgemere last summer and stayed

there four months at madame's direction. Here they discovered their love not to be lasting. And Yvonne, some little time afterward, returned to her step-mother. She was in court today shaking her small blond head in petulant denial of almost all of the statements the prince was making upon stand.

This unusual "triangle story" has the addition of a genuine mystery. Has the always interesting Mme. Maskinoff added to her already lengthy list of surprises by becoming a mother at 60? The prince today solemnly swore she was the mother of a ten-months-old named Verin.

Denies There Is Child.

The princess, in her petition for a separation from the prince, says there is no such child. She asks the court to establish the nonexistence of the little princess.

The prince also is suing for separation. Each alleges cruelty. If it is proved that Mme. Maskinoff is indeed the mother of such a baby, the prince will have always a "courtney" interest in her fortune.

The existence or nonexistence of this baby thus becomes the point of keenest interest.

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Young Orpet Held for Death Of His Jilted Sweetheart

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—William H. Orpet was ordered held to the grand jury for the death of Marian Lambert, jilted sweetheart, whose death he watched in the woods near her Lake Forest home, today at the conclusion of the coroner's inquest.

Six coroners' jurors decreed that the circumstantial evidence was sufficient to warrant the grand jury inquiry. Counsel for the accused University of Wisconsin student set up the cry that the action was based on "gossip, hearsay evidence."

Hints of disagreement among the jurors crept from the jury room during the deliberation, which lasted almost two hours.

The defendant was not allowed to testify. His father, E. O. Orpet, man-

ager of the Cyrus H. McCormack estates, and the father of the dead girl, Frank Lambert, were the chief witnesses.

Young Orpet was saved the embarrassment of refusing to answer all the questions that might have been put to him at the inquest. His attorneys served notice that he would not be allowed to testify and he was never called upon to take the stand.

Crowds of Lake Forest people kept the inquest room packed among them was Mrs. William Busselle, of Los Angeles, Cal., who said she was a school-room sweetheart of the accused man years ago.

Orpet's preliminary hearing and arraignment will be given next Monday before Justice Vickerman, at Lake Forest.

COAL STRIKE NOT PROBABLE

Outlook for Settlement Be-
tween Miners and Opera-
tors Unusually Bright.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Feb. 21.—With the crucial conference a week distant, indications were today that the United Mine Workers and operators, representing practically all the tonnage in the anthracite fields, are nearer a settlement of their differences than they have been since prior to the big strike in 1902.

After a conference in the Winter Garden of the Hotel McAlpin, which lasted from 10 o'clock this morning until 6 o'clock this evening, delegations from the mine workers, headed by John P. White, their president, and twenty of the biggest operators in the anthracite fields, appointed a subcommittee to consider the existing differences between capital and labor.

The operators, through their spokesman, S. D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, replied that they would give full consideration to every effort to take all steps toward bringing about a better understanding, physical and financial, between the miners and the employers.

COLLIE STANDS GUARD OVER DEAD EQUINE PAL

Dog Keeps Vigil More Than Eighteen
Hours at Important New York
Transfer Point.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Feb. 21.—From 5 o'clock Saturday night, throughout the storm of Sunday and until nearly noon today, a black and white collie stood guard over the body of a dead horse at Morris avenue and East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, one of the most important transfer points in the Bronx.

The faithful dog, Flo, is owned by a member of the firm of Murphy Brothers, whose stables are in One Hundred and Sixty-first street. The horse, Jerry, was the pet of the stable forces, and from the day—about three years ago—when Flo, then a puppy, was able to stand upon her wobbling legs, he and she were constant companions.

Jerry on Saturday was taken ill with convulsions and died. For some unknown reason no wagon was sent for the animal, and the dog, whining expressions of her grief, took her place at the side of her dead friend and refused to be coaxed away. Today when the body of Jerry was carried away it was necessary to lock the dog in the office, as she repeatedly attempted to jump into the wagon sent to remove the horse.

Austrian Airmen Kill Civilians in Big Raid

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, Feb. 21.—Austrian aeroplanes which attempted to bombard Milan this morning were compelled by Italian aviators to abandon the raid.

The Austrians then bombarded the Garda district, where several victims were claimed. Two persons were killed and several injured at Desenzano. One was injured at Salo.

Two were killed and four injured at Treviso. All the victims were civilians.

The military damage was insignificant.

CHICAGO GETS CRONES CLEW

Police Declare They Have In-
formation that Will Lead
to Arrest.

INTERCEPTED LETTERS MAY LEAD TO ANARCHIST

Friend of Alleged Poisoner Still Held
Under Heavy Bail—More Phone
Calls in New York.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Unusual activity in the State's attorney's office and at the detective bureau gave indication today that it is believed that Jean Cronos, anarchist and alleged poison plotter, is in Chicago. It was announced at State's Attorney Hoyne's office that several important arrests are expected at any moment.

The guard at the railroad stations in Chicago has been doubled, following Cronos' last letter, received in New York on Sunday. This letter stated that the anarchist was preparing to leave because he had tired of fooling the police there.

Have Good Clew.

Capt. Hunt tonight said that the police were prepared to take the anarchist. "We have the best clew possible," he said. "It was inconceivable that Cronos will remain at liberty much longer. Cronos will be taken."

The rumor gained ground late today that letters from Cronos to friends and accomplices have been intercepted and that the police have absolute information that will lead them to the self-confessed anarchist.

Cronos' friend, John Allegrini, held on two charges of conspiracy, remains in jail. At a hearing today Judge Turney refused to reduce the bail of \$50,000. His refusal followed the explanation of Allegrini's arrest by Capt. Hunt and Assistant State's Attorney Irwin H. Walker.

More Calls in New York.

New York, Feb. 21.—If all the letter writers and telephone callers of the last two days were really Jean Cronos, that gentleman must be the modern counterpart of the celebrated Dutchman's flea. His latest telephone call was received at a Boston newspaper office at 7:30 o'clock this evening and caused much unwonted activity in Boston police circles. Earlier in the day a "Cronos" called up the police headquarters three times, telling the police where he was at the moment.

GIRL BURGLAR REFUSES TO "SQUEAL" ON FRIENDS

Seventeen-Year-Old Miss Pleads Guilty
to Charges, but Defies Police
to Pump Her.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Feb. 21.—Seventeen years old, pretty and neatly dressed, a girl, concerning whose family practically nothing is known by the police, pleaded guilty to a burglary charge in the Bedford avenue police court today. She was said by detectives to be shielding a band of men who used her as a tool, her task being to commit petty thefts and turn the proceeds over to them.

The girl admitted that professional burglars had taught her how to steal. Magistrate Voorhees and the detectives today tried to get her to tell who these men were, but she refused. "I'm not a squealer," she told Magistrate Voorhees; "I'm ready to take my medicine like the rest."

She was charged today with stealing \$200 worth of clothing and jewelry from a home in Williamsburg.

Boys Called to Colors.

London, Feb. 21.—A war office proclamation was posted today calling to the colors group No. 1 of the Derby recruits and the reservists of class No. 1. The Derby volunteers of group No. 1 are between 18 and 19 years of age, and have not been called up heretofore because of their extreme youth.

Hoosier Limited Wrecked.

Frankfort, Ind., Feb. 21.—The Hoosier Limited, the Monon fast train from Indianapolis to Chicago, was wrecked near here this morning. One man was injured. The engineer and firemen saved their lives by jumping.

SIX GERMAN AIRCRAFT ARE SHOT DOWN BY ALLIES IN FRANCE

War on French Front Transferred to Skies
and All During Day Aviators Battle
to Death in the Clouds.

ONE ZEPPELIN IS WRECKED

Record for Aerial Engagements Made—Four Raids, One by
the British in Twenty-eight Machines, Among
Exploits of the Day.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The war on the French front was transferred in the main from the trenches to the air today.

French and German aircraft clashed in a half dozen or more desperate battles high among the clouds.

In almost every instance the French airmen were victorious, and five German machines were shot down and two others were forced to land.

A feature of the fighting was that in several instances whole squadrons of aeroplanes took part in the conflicts.

A squadron of seventeen French machines dropped sixty-six heavy shells on the aviation field at Habsheim and on a railway freight depot.

French Machines Safe.

The French war office reports all the French machines returned safely from the battles.

One Zeppelin was destroyed by aero guns.

The official report reads:

"The day has been marked by numerous aerial combats. Over Tazendorf, east of Altkirch, one of our aeroplanes, attacking a Fokker at close range, opened first on it with fifteen cartridges. The hostile machine tilted on to its right wing and then fell.

"Near Epinal an Albatross was brought down by our artillery fire.

"In the region of Bures, north of the Forest of Parroy a German machine, attacked by two of ours was brought down within our lines. The pilot and passenger were killed.

"A squadron of seven French machines gave battle to four German aeroplanes in the region of Vigneulles-Les-Hatton-achel. Two of the German machines were forced to land; the other two took to flight.

Germans Make Raid.

"German aeroplanes have bombarded Flammes, Bar Le Duc and Revigny. Near the latter point a German squadron, composed of fifteen machines was attacked by one of our squadrons of pursuit and was forced to give battle. In the course of the fight a German aeroplane was brought down near Givry in the Argonne. The two aviators were taken prisoners.

"A second enemy aeroplane, which was being pursued, fell head first inside the German lines.

"One of our bombing squadrons, composed of seventeen machines, dropped sixty-six heavy shells on the aviation field at Habsheim and on the railway freight depot of Mulhouse.

"Another squadron of twenty-eight machines dropped numerous projectiles on the German munition factory at Pagny Sur-Moselle.

"All of our machines returned safely to their bases after these various operations.

Zeppelin Shot Down.

"A Zeppelin, in flight from Ste Menes-bould towards the South, has been brought down by a squadron of aero guns mounted on motor cars from Revigny. Pierced by shells it fell in flames in the outskirts of Brabant le Rot.

"More aerial engagements, with greater losses of aircraft, were recorded today than during any other twenty-four hours of the war.

"Four raids, one by the British using twenty-six machines were carried out, the operations extended from end to end of the Western front."

NOT ABLE TO PAY ALIMONY

Vanderbilt's Former Stable Man-
ger Says He Is "Broke."

New York, Feb. 21.—Charles H. Wilson, ex-stable manager for Alfred G. Vanderbilt, declared in court today that he was without funds, without a job and unable to pay alimony to his former wife, Elizabeth A. Wilson. Wilson was divorced in 1907, when Florence Schenck was named as co-respondent. Afterwards Wilson was shot in the foot by a friend of Miss Schenck.